lakh tons procured in the corresponding period in KMS 2008-09. At the estimated level of procurement of 260 lakh tonnes of rice (as informed by the Food Corporation of India), the stock of rice in the Central Pool is estimated to be sufficient to meet the current level of requirement of Targeted Public Distribution System and other welfare Schemes.

Import of pulses

189. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of pulses has surged during the first six months of the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the quantum of pulses imported by Government and private owned trading agencies during the first six months of the current fiscal year;

(c) the cost at which such pulses were imported and under what conditionalties;

(d) whether import of pulses have any impact on the prices of pulses in the markets in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) As per the data provided by DGCIS, during April 2009-September 2009,12.90 lakh tonnes of pulses valued at Rs.3324.97 crore was imported. The quantum of pulses imported by the 4 PSUs *viz*. NAFED, MMTC, STC and PEC was about 3.7 lakh tonnes. The 4 PSUs are authorized by the Government to import pulses under the 15% reimbursement of subsidy scheme.

(d) and (e) The details of the domestic wholesale prices of pulses in Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Wholesale market rates of pulses in major terminal markets from April 09 to Oct. 09

Rates in Rs/Qtl.

Commodity/Month	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai
1	2	3	4
Arhar Whole			
April	2650-3825	3200-3400	3300-3700
May	3900-4050	3880-3900	3300-3700
June	3230-4000	3500-4000	3500-4000

1	2	3	4
July	5000-5650	4500-5200	5800-6400
August	5750-5950	5400-5750	5800-6400
September	5100-5600	6200-6300	6000-6200
Gram Whole			
April	2100-2275	2050-2300	2200-2350
May	2200-2225	2225-2230	2200-2350
June	2140-2150	2100-2200	2200-2300
July	2360-2480	2000-2400	2300-2700
August	2275-2400	2400-2600	2400-2500
September	2250-2325	2300-2600	2400-2500
Moong Whole			
April	3050-3950	3050-3150	3200-3450
May	3950-4375	3850-4000	3200-3450
June	3950-4300	3900-4200	2300-4000
July	4400-5000	3200-4400	4200-4800
August	4550-4800	4350-4450	3900-4800
September	4250-4700	4350-4900	4300-4600
Urad Whole			
April	2680-3250	2520-2925	2850-3250
May	2950-3450	3000-3025	2850-3250
June	3050-3600	3000-3100	3000-3100
July	3800-4800	3450-4500	3700-4900
August	3950-4450	4100-4150	4100-4600
September	3600-4175	3850-4675	3650-4150

Source: NAFED

Price rice of sugar

190. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sugar prices are increasing rapidly in the country;

(b) if so, what actions are being taken by Government to bring down the sugar prices; and

(c) the reasons why Government failed to visualize and take timely action?